

Boy. He prayes you to saue his life, he is a Gentleman of a good house, and for his ransom he will giue you two hundred Crownes.

Pist. Tell him my fury shall abate, and I the Crownes will take.

Fre. Petit Monsieur que dit il?

Boy. Encore qu'il et contra son serment, de pardonner aucune prisonner: neant-moins pour les esches que vous layt a promets, il est content a vous donner la liberte le franchisement.

Fre. Sur mes genoux se vous donnez milles remerciens, et le me estime heureux que le intombe entre les main d'un Cheualier le pense le plus brane valiant et tres distine signieur d'Angleterre.

Pist. Expound vnto me boy.

Boy. He giues you vpon his knees a thousand thanks, and he esteemes himselfe happy, that he hath faile into the hands of one (as he thinks) the most braue, valorous and thrice-worthy signieur of England.

Pist. As I sucke blood, I will some mercy shew. Follow mee.

Boy. Saue vous le grand Capitaine?

I did neuer know so full a voyce issue from so emptie a heart: but the saying is true, The empty vessel makes the greatest sound; *Bardolfe* and *Nym* had tenne times more valour, then this roaring diuell i'th olde play, that euerie one may payre his nayles with a wooden dagger, and they are both hang'd, and so would this be, if hee durst steale any thing aduenturously. I must stay with the Lackies with the luggage of our camp, the French might haue a good pray of vs, if he knew of it, for there is none to guard it but boyes.

Exit.

Enter Constable, Orleans, Bourbon, Dolphin, and Ramburs.

Con. O Diable.

Orl. O signieur le iour et perdia, toute et perdie.

Dol. Mor Dieu ma vie, all is confounded all,

Reproach, and euertlasting shame

Sits mocking in our Plumes.

A short Alarm.

O mefchante Fortune, do not runne away.

Con. Why all our ranks are broke.

Dol. O perdurable shame, let's stab our selues:

Be these the wretches that we plaid at dice for?

Orl. Is this the King we sent too, for his ransom?

Bur. Shame, and eternall shame, nothing but shame,

Let vs dye in once more backe againe,

And he that will not follow *Burbon* now,

Let him go hence, and with his cap in hand

Like a base Pander hold the Chamber doore,

Whilft a base slaue, no gentler then my dogge,

His fairest daughter is contaminated.

Con. Disorder that hath spoyl'd vs, friend vs now,

Let vs on heapes go offer vp our liues.

Orl. We are enow yet liuing in the field,

To smother vp the English in our throngs,

If any order might be thought vpon.

Bur. The diuell take Order now, Ile to the throng;

Let life be short, else shame will be too long.

Exit.

Alarm. Enter the King and his trayne, with Prisoners.

King. Well haue we done, thrice-valiant Countrymen, But all's not done, yet keepe the French the field.

Exe. The D. of York commends him to your Maiesty

King. Liues he good Vnckle: thrice within this houre I saw him downe; thrice vp againe, and fighting From Helmet to the spur, all blood he was.

Exe. In which array (braue Soldier) doth he lye, Larding the plaine: and by his bloody side,

(Yoake-fellow to his honour-owing-wounds) The Noble Earle of Suffolke also lyes.

Suffolke first dyed, and *Yorke* all haged ouer Comes to him, where in gore he lay insteept,

And takes him by the Beard, kisses the gashes That bloodily did yawne vpon his face.

He cryes aloud; Tarry my Cofin Suffolke, My soule shall thine keepe company to heauen:

Tarry (sweet soule) for mine, then flye a-brest: As in this glorious and well-foughten field

We kept together in our Chiuallrie. Vpon these words I came, and cheer'd him vp,

He smil'd me in the face, raught me his hand, And with a feeble gripe, sayes: Deere my Lord,

Commend my seruice to my Soueraigne, So did he turne, and ouer Suffolkes necke

He threw his wounded arme, and kist his lippes, And so espous'd to death, with blood he seal'd

A Testament of Noble-ending-love: The prettie and sweet manner of it forc'd

Those waters from me, which I would haue stop'd, But I had not so much of man in mee,

And all my mother came into mine eyes, And gaue me vp to teares.

King. I blame you not, For hearing this, I must perforce compound

With mixtull eyes, or they will issue to. But hearken, what new alarm is this same?

The French haue re-enforc'd their scatter'd men: Then euerie souldiour kill his Prisoners,

Giue the word through.

Alarm.

Exit.

Actus Quartus.

Enter Fluellen and Gower.

Flu. Kill the poyes and the luggage, 'Tis expressly against the Law of Armes, tis as arrant a peece of knaue-ry marke you now, as can bee offert in your Conscience now, is it not?

Gow. 'Tis certaine, there's not a boy left aliue, and the Cowardly Rascalls that ranne from the battaile ha' done this slaughter: besides they haue burned and carried away all that was in the Kings Tent, wherefore the King most worthily hath caus'd euery souldiour to cut his prisoners throat. O 'tis a gallant King.

Flu. I, hee was borne at Monmouth Captaine Gower: What call you the Townes name where Alexander the pig was borne?

Gow. Alexander the Great.

Flu. Why I pray you, is not pig, great? The pig, or the gear, or the mighty, or the huge, or the magnanimous, are all one reckonings, faue the phrase is a litle variations.

Gower. I thinke Alexander the Great was borne in Macedon, his Father was called Phillip of Macedon, as I take it.

Flu. I thinke it is in Macedon where Alexander is borne.

poite.

porne: I tell you Capitaine, if you looke in the Maps of the Orld, I warrant you fall finde in the comparisous betweene *Macedon* & *Monmouth*, that the situations looke

you, is both alike. There is a Riuer in *Macedon*, & there is also moreouer a Riuer at *Monmouth*, it is call'd *Wye* at

Monmouth: but it is out of my praines, what is the name of the other Riuer: but 'tis all one, tis alike as my fingers

is to my fingers, and there is Salmons in both. If you marke *Alexander's* life well, *Harry of Monmouth's* life is

come after it indifferent well, for there is figures in all things. *Alexander* God knowes, and you know, in his

rages, and his furies, and his wraths, and his chollers, and his moodes, and his displeasures, and his indignations,

and also being a litle intoxicates in his praines, did in his Ales and his angers (looke you) kill his best friend

Chyrys.

Gow. Our King is not like him in that, he neuer kill'd any of his friends.

Flu. It is not well done (marke you now) to take the tales out of my mouth, ere it is made and finished. I speak

but in the figures, and comparisous of it: as *Alexander* kild his friend *Chyrys*, being in his Ales and his Cuppes; so

also *Harry Monmouth* being in his right wittes, and his good iudgements, turn'd away the fat Knight with the

great belly doubler: he was full of iests, and gypes, and knaueries, and mockes, I haue forgot his name.

Gow. Sir John Falstaff.

Flu. That is he: Ile tell you, there is good men porne at Monmouth.

Gow. Heere comes his Maiesty.

Alarm. Enter King Harry and Bourbon with prisoners. Flu. With.

King. I was not angry since I came to France, Vntill this instant. Take a Trumpet Herald,

Ridethou vnto the Horsemen on yond hill: If they will fight with vs, bid them come downe,

Or voyde the field: they do offend our fight, If they'l do neither, we will come to them,

And make them sker away, as swift as stones Enforced from the old Assyrian slings:

Besides, we'l cut the throats of those we haue, And not a man of them that we shall take,

Shall taste our mercy. Go and tell them so.

Enter Montjoy.

Exe. Here comes the Herald of the French, my Liege Glou. His eyes are humbler then they vs'd to be.

King. How now, what meanes this Herald? Knowst thou not,

That I haue fin'd these bones of mine for ransom? Com'st thou againe for ransom?

Her. No great King: I come to thee for charitable License,

That we may wander ore this bloody field, To booke our dead, and then to bury them,

To fort our Nobles from our common men. For many of our Princes (woe the while)

Lye drown'd and soak'd in mercenary blood: So do our vulgar drench their peasant limbes

In blood of Princes, and with wounded steeds Fret fer-locke deepe in gore, and with wilde rage

Yerke out their armed heeles at their dead masters, Killing them twice. O giue vs leave great King,

To view the field in safety, and dispose Of their dead bodies.

King. I tell thee truly Herald, I know not if the day be ours or no,

For yet a many of your horsemen peere, And gallop ore the field.

Her. The day is yours.

King. Praised be God, and not our strength for it: What is this Castle call'd that stands hard by.

Her. They call it Agincourt.

King. Then call we this the field of Agincourt, Fought on the day of Crispin Crispianus.

Flu. Your Grandfather of famous memory (an't please your Maiesty) and your great Vncle Edward the Placke

Prince of Wales, as I haue read in the Chronicles, fought a most prauie battie here in France.

King. They did Fluellen.

Flu. Your Maiesty sayes very true: If your Maiesties is remembred of it, the Welchmen did good seruice in a

Garden where Leekes did grow, wearing Leekes in their *Monmouth* caps, which your Maiesty know to this houre

is an honourable badge of the seruice: And I do beleue your Maiesty takes no scorn to weare the Lecke vppon

S. Taues day.

King. I weare it for a memorable honor: For I am Welch you know good Countryman.

Flu. All the water in Wye, cannot wash your Maie- sties Welsh blood out of your pody, I can tell you that: God plesse it, and preferue it, as long as it pleases his

Grace, and his Maiesty too.

King. Thanks good my Countrymen.

Flu. By Ieshu, I am your Maiesties Countreyman, I care not who know it: I will confesse it to all the Orld, I need not to be ashamed of your Maiesty, praised be God

so long as your Maiesty is an honest man.

King. Good keepe me so.

Enter Williams.

Our Heralds go with him, Bring me iust notice of the numbers dead

On both our parts. Call yonder fellow hither.

Exe. Souldier, you must come to the King.

King. Souldier, why wear'st thou that Gloue in thy Cappe?

Will. And't please your Maiesty, tis the gage of one that I should fight withall, if he be aliue.

King. An Englishman?

Will. And't please your Maiesty, a Rascall that swag- ger'd with me last night: who if aliue, and euer dare to

challenge this Gloue, I haue sworne to take him a boxe a'th ere: or if I can see my Gloue in his cappe, which he

swore as he was a Souldier he would weare (if aliue) I wil strike it out soundly.

King. What thinke you Capitaine Fluellen, is it fit this souldier keepe his oath.

Flu. Hee is a Crauen and a Villaine else, and't please your Maiesty in my conscience.

King. It may bee, his enemy is a Gentleman of great fort quite from the answer of his degree.

Flu. Though he be as good a Gentleman as the diuel is, as Lucifer and Belzebub himselfe, it is necessary (looke your Grace) that he keepe his vow and his oath: If hee

bee periur'd (iee you now) his reputation is as arrant a villaine and a lacke sawce, as euer his blacke shoo trodd

vpon Gods ground, and his earth, in my conscience law

King. Then keepe thy vow firrah, when thou meet'st the fellow.

Will. So, I wil my Liege, as I liue.

King. Who seru'st thou ynder?

Will.